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To: Representative Nesbitt and members of the  
House Energy and Technology Committee

RE: Review of Public Act 295 of 2008

In response to PA 295, I am in full support and I also believe we should increase our energy efficiency in Michigan. It makes sense to expand the Energy Optimization standard in the state because it has so many positive aspects. Not only does it cost consumers less money, it also costs utility companies less, and creates jobs, brings investment to Michigan and is safer and healthier for citizens in relation to coal.

As a consumer in Michigan, increasing the energy efficiency would be beneficial to me because it would help me save money on my utility bill. Energy optimization in the state is the cheapest way of base load power and since it saves utility companies and consumers money, it is a win-win for everyone. The fact that companies save money as well is an indication that increasing the Energy Optimization standard would be hugely helpful to all. It doesn't make sense that there is a spending cap for the amount utilities can collect and spend on energy efficiency. If the cap was increased or removed all together, utility companies would save more money and in turn so would consumers. Therefore, everyone should be in support of PA 295.

Energy efficiency has also created thousands of jobs in Michigan. PA 295 has brought companies to the state that normally might not have done business here and in turn it has been beneficially for Michigan by creating more jobs. The companies that come here invest in the state which provides economic boosts.

Diversifying the way we acquire electricity is important for Michigan as well. Compared to coal, which brings asthma, premature deaths and chronic bronchitis, electricity from energy efficient sources is healthier and safer for citizens. We won't have to breathe in the dirty pollution that coal brings and worry about becoming sick. For the health of citizens, supporting PA 295 and increasing the Energy Optimization standard is the sensible thing to do.

Sincerely,

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